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Docket No.: 114465.401

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

THASTRUP et al.

Serial No.

Filed:

For: NOVEL FLUORESCENT PROTEINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please ~~amend~~ the application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ~~amend~~ the specification as follows:

Page 1, after CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, please ~~delete~~

"This application" and ~~insert~~ in its place

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/819,612, filed March 17,
1997, which--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~amend~~ the claims as follows:

Claim 18, line 1, ~~delete~~ "2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7";

Claim 19, line 1, ~~delete~~ "or 15";

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Claim ~~20~~, line 1, delete "2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7";

Claim ~~21~~, line 1, delete "2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7"; and

Claim ~~22~~, line 1, delete "2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7".

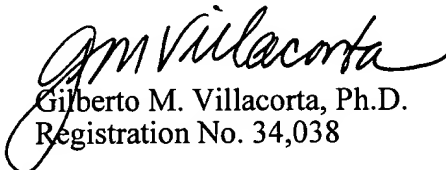
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 50-0436.

Respectfully Submitted,

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